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Reps Harkins, Miller; Sen. Gunther: Bond Commission to Act On Loan for Upgrades to Stratford Pump Stations



The State Bond Commission is expected to act Friday on a \$1,964,400 low-interest loan to Stratford to finance a comprehensive evaluation, overhaul and upgrade of the Access Road, Broadbridge Avenue and Frog Pond Lane pump stations, state Representatives John A. Harkins R-120th District and Lawrence G. Miller, R-122nd District, and state Senator George “Doc” Gunther, R-21st District, announced today.

"I'm thankful Governor Rell and the Bond Commission have supported this request, which particularly benefits homes in the 120th District," said Representative Harkins. "This assistance allows our town to upgrade key pump stations, while reducing the impact of the project on local taxpayers."

"There is heavier use of the town's pollution control facilities because of development that has taken place in the north end over the years. Stratford also is taking additional sewage from Shelton which has added to the demands on the town's wastewater treatment plant. The upgrades this loan will make possible are both timely and badly needed," Representative Miller said.

"This project will include an evaluation, overhaul and upgrade of the critical Access Road, Broadbridge Avenue and Frog Pond Lane pump stations. This project will make the facilities more reliable and less likely to back up into houses and other structures in the surrounding area. It is part of an ongoing program to upgrade Stratford's sewage treatment infrastructure," Senator Gunther said.

The project will result in improvements to Stratford's wastewater treatment infrastructure that will make the system more reliable and less likely to have overflows to homes and other structures in the areas served by the pump stations, the legislators said.